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Joseph Hardin
Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Ordered
Ordered accordingly. that Mr Taylor ~~[illegible]~~ a Committee of this House to procure a room for the Committee appointed to prepare an address to his Excellency to provide an other.

~~On Motion by~~ Ordered that the House do now adjourn till Tomorrow morning

Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Speaker

Mr Speaker I am instructed to inform this house of representatives that the Legislative Council have met pursuant to adjournment and have instructed the Committee on that part of the Act in Conjunction with the Committee appointed by the house of representatives to procure room for the Accomodation of the General Assembly.— On motion of Mr Chevers the house adjourned till 9 oClock tomorrow Morning.—

Tuesday the third day of October 1820

The house met Pursuant to adjournment

Mr Skinner of the Joint Committee instructed to provide a house for the reception of the General Assembly By leave to report, that they have inquired & find that there are several several houses which may be had the following two however are all they think worth reporting. the two rooms now occupied may be had without Compensation. and Mr. Cretien offers two large and very suitable rooms in his house on the same terms.— Your Committee feel bound to report in favor of the Latter as it is much the most Convenient and suitable Whereupon Mr Stevenson moved that the house accept of the report of the Committee.. and on motion of Mr Stevenson seconded by Mr Chevers adjourned till two oClock this afternoon to meet

at the hour of [illegible] and that the Legislative Council be informed thereof on the question being taken it was Carried in the Affirmative.

Mr Horner moved that the House Come to the following resolution viz, Resolved, that a Committee of two be appointed to act in Conjunction with such Committee as may be appointed on the part of the Council to wait on his Excellency and inform him that the two Houses have met Pursuant to Adjournment and are ready to receive any Communication he may think proper to make and proceed to business. whereupon Mr Speaker left the Chair and the Legislative Council by Mr McElvany. Mr Speaker Jan was desired to inform his house of proceedings, that the Legislative Council have received the report of the Joint Committee appointed to provide rooms for the Accommodation of the Speaker & Clerks, accordingly the House of Assembly have appointed and ready to attend him whenever he may be pleased to [illegible]

Ordered by the Legislative Council that Mr Clerk do acquaint the House of Assembly that this House is ready to receive any Communication his Excellency the Governor may think proper to make to them.

Mr Speaker & the House of Assembly attended his Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber and his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses of the Legislature viz

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly

I have called you together at this time for the purpose of submitting to your consideration the Treaty which has been entered into between myself and the Chiefs of the Waikato Tribe, and which I trust will meet with your approval.

On motion of mr Tindal to appoint a Door Keeper to this house mr William Parker was appointed to that office = on motion of mr Tindal the house adjourned till two oClock this afternoon

The house met Pursuant to adjournment at the house of mr Eveleth.

Messrs Stevens & Stilwell the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor Reported. that they had attended to the business assigned to them by the house and had been given to know by his Excellency the Governor that he would make a communication to the house.

That his Excellency the Governor is so much indisposed in body. that he will not be able to make any Communication to this house in person at this time, but will through the agency of the Secretary of the Arkansas Territory make Communications to the Council & House this evening

On Motion of Mr. Jones the Executive Council was informed that he was ready to receive his Excellency Governor Blanchard, he was accordingly received by the Council and Mr. McDonald then, President of the Council, addressed the Governor as follows viz

Mr. Governor

The Legislative Council of the Territory of Michigan, have appointed me their President, and charged me with the duty of communicating to your Excellency their readiness to proceed to the business of the Session.

Permit me to congratulate you upon your appointment to the Executive Government of this Territory. Gentlemen of the Council & House of Representatives. I have the satisfaction to inform you that the difficulties which embarrassed the Legislature at the Commencement of this Session in February last, growing out of the doubts which arose as to the legality of a Law of Congress sanctioning and organization of the Territory in the second grade of government. so that you now recommence your labors freed from all impediments except such as naturally arise out of the importance and great magnitude of the duties imposed upon you. I feel every Confidence that your Knowledge of the true interest of the Territory, and the wants and wishes of your Constituents will enable you to discharge those duties in a manner equally satisfactory and honorable to them. and Honorable to yourselves. and I have to offer you my hearty Concurrence in every measure tending to the Common good. The present system of revenue laws, appears to be defective in many respects. and particularly that part of them which relates to the levying & collecting for the payment of the Public Debts. — a bill will be brought under the present Session to remedy the defects in the Public revenue it is already taken many months and much time can be saved by the Legislature to sustain its Credit. it will be a short time become almost indispensable to the Collectors, and thereby prevent a Risk of embarrassment in the Public Debts. this must be evident to you. How this deficiency is to be removed I have to your wisdom and superior Knowledge of the resources of the Country to point. I would however suggest the propriety of a tax on the Polls of the County or the imposition of an additional tax on property to meet the wants of the Treasury. Much of the delay and the Consequent failure in each year, for the convenience of Merchants and others I would suggest the propriety of changing some law that will remedy this. I propose for the orders of a Session the eighteenth day

which are surrounded with one as thickly as possible— The traffic Carried on between the whites and Indians in horses, has been the source of much fraud and Corruption, and opens a door for the practice of great imposition and Chicanery. I therefore think that a Law totally inhibiting such a traffic for the future would materially tend to the tranquility of our settlements bordering on Indian tribes, and perhaps be the means of preventing in a great degree the stealing of horses.— by the Indians which has been so much complained of throughout the Territory— In Consequence of not hearing from Washington City of the passage of the Law by which the organisation of the Territory is done.— Some of the Laws passed at your last meeting have not been approved. they are returned to you, and I would advise a revision of them.. and when they are found to attach higher Penalties ---------- James Clelland.

From the Legislative Council Witnesses

Mr Fendall presented the Memorial of Mason Tone & Jno Tone his wife Praying a Divorce which was ordered to lay on the Table.

Mr Horner presented the Petition of Maria Neville praying a Divorce from her husband Joshua Neville which was ordered to lay on the Table

Mr Horner Presented the Petition of William Lidy praying the passage of a Law permitting him to be Examined by a Judge of the Supreme Court of this Territory in order to be admitted as an Attorney and Counsellor of Law in this Territory which the said Petition be referred to a Committee of two with leave to report by Bill or otherwise whereupon motion Ordered that Committee.

On motion of Mr Tindall Mr Tindall Stevenson & Stone were appointed to draw such memorials to Congress as may be thought proper to send to Congress by our delegates.

On motion of Mr Stone resolved that so much of the Governors message as relates to the trade of this Country with Indians be referred to a Committee to be appointed for that Purpose whereupon Messrs Stone Elder and Stevenson were appointed that Committee

Mr Stevenson offered the following resolution resolved that the Legislature in the present Session will not receive any petitions for Lotteries that the Legislature of this Territory be referred to a Committee of three whereupon Messrs Stevenson Scott Gaston and Sutherland were appointed that Committee.

On motion of Mr Tindall to appoint a Committee to take into Consideration the Laws respecting Stray Cattle in this Territory whereupon myself Tindall English and Gibson were appointed that Committee with leave to report by Bill or Otherwise.

Mr Stone gave notice to the house that on Saturday next he would ask leave to bring in a Bill declaring what Part of the Laws of Missouri are in force in this Country.

On motion of Mr Stevenson the house adjourned till 10 o'Clock tomorrow morning.

Wednesday Oct 4th 1820

The House met according to adjournment & proceeded to business. After the Journal of yesterdays proceedings was Read.

Mr Horner Moved that Whereas it was represented to the Members of this House, that their sitting in the present rooms were greatly inconvenient to the occupiers of the House therefore resolved that the two branches of the General Assembly remove to some other quarters and on the question being taken it was Carried in the affirmative Mr. Horner then offered & Presented to the House the proposals of Lester McKay to rent the house of John Langwir at the Price of Sixteen Dollars per month. and moved that the house accept of the said proposals and on the question being taken it was Carried in the affirmative and the Legislative Council were informed thereof.

Mr Horner of the Committee to whom was referd the Petition of William Kelly Praying the Passage of a Law permitting him to undergo Examination by the Judge of the Supreme Court in order to be admitted as an Attorney at Law in this Territory. Reported that the Prayer of the Petitioner was reasonable & that there be brought in a Bill. which Bill was read the first time and ordered to a Second reading.

Mr Tindal Presents a Petition from sundry inhabitants of the County of Pulaski Praying a Division of said County — On motion of Mr Horner the said Petition was referred without being read to a Committee. of three to wit Mr Tindal Lieut Chadwick & Mr Fish. with Leave to Report by bill or otherwise.

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Elliott Their Speaker. Came instructed to inform y House that

Legislative Council and the Assembly of the House of Representatives to give up the Joint Assembly Room for the Ladies Gallery for the balance of the Session and Council the House of Legislative Council Ten Dollars per month.

Mr Hanner moved that the House come to the following resolution Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to inquire into the Present Judiciary System and that the Legislative Council be requested to Join in said inquiry by a Committee from that House and that they report to this House ~~and that the said Committee be appointed by ballot which was agreed to by the House and on the ballot being Counted it appeared that the Hons Messrs Hanner Paterson and English were appointed that Committee~~ and the Legislative Council were informed thereof.

Mr Horner then moved that the House come to the following resolution. Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed to act in Conjunction with such Committee as may be appointed on the part of the Council to Enquire for the Public Security of this Territory and that they report Recently and that the said Committee be appointed by ballot which was agreed to by the House and on the vote being Counted it appeared that Messrs Paterson and Millwood were duly elected and the Legislative Council were informed thereof.

Resolution by Mr Fish resolved that a Committee be appointed to Examine the Laws of this Territory as respects Special Bail in the Stay of Execution &c and if they find any defect in remedy to report by bill or otherwise Messrs English & Fish were appointed that Committee.

Resolution by Mr English, resolved that there be a Committee appointed to inquire into the Necessity of passing a Law regulating the Sale of property under Execution with leave to report by Bill or otherwise which was agreed to by the House & Messrs English & Ellis. appointed the Committee.

The following Message was received from the Legislative Council by Mr Clerk

Mr Speaker I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Legislative Council have Concurred in the request of the House of Representatives to appoint a Committee to take into Consideration the Present Judiciary System and have appointed Hon Phillips their Committee. also have Concurred in their request to appoint a Committee to draft such Memorials as may be necessary to send to Congress by our Delegate and have appointed Mr Clark their Committee also they have Concurred in the Request of the House of Representatives to appoint a Committee to Contract with for the Public printing of this Territory. and have appointed Mr Mc Elvaney their Committee.

Resolution by Mr Herron moved that the Council be requested to appoint a Committee to act in Conjunction with a Committee appointed by this House on Memorials.

The House adjourned till 9 o'Clock Tomorrow morning.

Thursday 5th October 1820

The House met Pursuant to adjournment.

Mr Stevenson moved that the House Concur in the following Resolution. Resolved that a Committee be appointed to Call on the Auditor & Treasurer of this Territory for a list of all debts due to and from the Territory, as far as may be in their power and that the Committee Report the same to this House which resolution was agreed to by the House and Messrs Stevenson and Scott Harden appointed that Committee.

Mr Herron agreeably to notice of yesterday obtained leave and brought in a bill to regulate the duties which was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time

Mr Tindall introduced a Memorial to Congress Praying a removal of the Land office from the Post of Arkansas to the Little Rock on the Arkansas river, which was read the first time and rejected

Mr Fish then moved that the rules of the House be suspended and that the Memorial be read the second time which was agreed to by the House of the Committee to whom was referred the Judiciary System Reported that the Committee appointed to inquire into the present Judiciary System report that in their opinion the present System of Circuit Courts is highly oppressive to the People & one that does not tend to the furtherance of Justice and recommend to the House a total repeal of the Laws that would tend to Continue the Circuit Courts and to Establish in lieu thereof a Court in each County to be Called the Circuit Court of Common Pleas

Whereupon the Report was accepted of by the House and the said Committee directed to bring in a bill accordingly

On motion of Mr Storrs the Petition of Maria Norvell Praying a Divorce from her husband Lorin Norvell was taken up and referred to a Committee of two to be Mssrs Storrs and Fish.

Mr Tindall of the Committee to whom was referred the Petition Praying a Division of Pulaski County Reported a bill which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading

Mr Storrs then moved that the Clerk of this House be directed to procure the Printing of the Acts passed at this Session & that the Printer be directed to print 4 Copies thereof for the use of the members of both Houses

On motion of Mr Stevenson the House adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Friday 6th October 1820

The House met pursuant to adjournment Present

Mr Stevenson of the Joint Committee appointed to Contract with the Printer of the Gazette Reported that the Committee appointed by the House to Contract with the Printer for the publication of the Laws of this Session

by leave to report favorably to the Petition
by the petitioners Mrs Woodruff and others about
Said proposals to the town for Consideration — and
On Motion of Mr Horner that report of the return of
the said Commissioners was received in the affirmative
which report and proposals was sent to the Gentlemen
Council for their Concurrence

On the Motion of Mr Hand the bill to locate
Pulaski County was taken up read a second time
and Committed to a Committee of the whole
and made the order of this day

On the Motion of Mr Hand the bill
to suppress Gaming was taken up read a second time
by its title only Committed to a Committee of the Whole
House and made the order this day for Tomorrow

Mr Horner of the Committee of Accounts Enrolled Bills
Committee had over a number of the Engrossing Bills
on Enrolled Bills in this Evening which were
agreed to by the House also a Memorial to Engross Relating
Certain officers in the Territory which they agreed to and
the Legislative Council were informed thereof

Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. D. Lucas
Mr Speaker I am instructed to inform the House of
that the Legislative Council have Concurred in the report of
the Committee appointed to Contract for Public Printing
which report is herewith returned to the House

On the Motion of Mr Horner the House resolved itself into Committee
of the Whole Mr Scott Chairman in the Chair on the Bill to
Create the Counties of Scott and other purposes therein
therein the Committee rose and Mr Hand reported
that the Committee of the Whole House had had under
Consideration the Bill to Create the Counties of Scott and
Pulaski and County Seats therein and had made
progress in the Same directed to sit again
a message from the Legislative Council by Mr Bradshaw
Mr Speaker I am directed to inform you that the Council
have agreed to the request of the House of Representatives
for Instructions to Commissioners for Laying off Land for
the Public Buildings of Pulaski County and the
House are informed thereof.

On the Motion of ~~the~~ Mr Hornor the memorial to be
reading for unfinished Lands and also the memorial respecting
Certain Local Offices it was ordered to be engrossed in a fair
hand and then to be signed

Mr Hornor laid before the House a list of the Laws passed in the last
Part of this Session and signed by the Governor to wit

An Act for Laying up Highways across Mill Creek in the Fifteenth
and Sixteenth Districts — An Act for the better ascertaining the Limits
and Boundaries of the City of Wilmington — An Act for the relief of
Thomas Lea — An Act for the relief of Thomas Lea — An Act
regulating the Ferry at Port Penn — An Act for the relief of Isaac
Hendrickson — An Act regulating the Ferry from Wilmington to
the Jersey Shore — An Act for the relief of Thomas Lea — An Act
to authorize the Levying a Tax for the purpose of repairing the
Public Roads — An Act to regulate the Ferry from Wilmington to
Jersey Shore — An Act to lay out a Road from Wilmington to
Christiana Bridge — An Act to regulate the Ferry at Port Penn
— An Act to lay out a Road from Wilmington to Christiana
Bridge — An Act to regulate the Ferry at Port Penn — An Act
to regulate the Ferry at Port Penn — An Act to regulate the Ferry
at Port Penn

the Chief Justice was, in the County and State of Illinois, & for other purposes.

Mr. Doran of the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Maria Powell praying a divorce, reported that the request is reasonable and ought to be granted, and reported a bill accordingly which was read a first time and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Lindsay now moved that the Committee of the whole on the bill to divide Lasalle County, the Last Resolution on Ottawa, and after some time spent therein the Committee rose, and Mr. Lindsay reported for the Committee of the whole that they had had the said bill under consideration, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

On the motion of Mr. Merritt the House agreed to the report of the Committee of the whole on said bill, which bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading tomorrow.

On the motion of Mr. Stevenson the Memorial of the Legislature was read and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

On the motion of Mr. Stevenson the House adjourned to meet at nine

Saturday October 7th 1820
The House met Pursuant to adjournment

Mr Stevenson of the Committee to whome was refered the unfinished Business. Reported Mr Speaker your Committee to whome was refered the unfinished Business of this house by leave to report in part to wit a Bill to be entitled an act to remove the Temporary seat of the Territorial Government of the Territory of Arkansas which bill your Committee Report in order before this house According to the postponement thereon William Stevenson

Mr Lindal of the Committee to whome was refered the several laws now in force in this Territory Concerning Strays reported that the Committee had the same under Consideration and deem the present laws on that subject insufficient and beg leave to report a supplementary bill on that subject which bill was read the first time and ordered to a Second reading

Mr Horner of the Committee of memorials laid before the house a memorial to Congress praying the Establishment of a Surveyor Generals office in this Territory which was read and agreed to by the house and sent to the Legislative Council for their Concurrence

Mr Fish pursuant to notice heretofore given obtained Leave and Layd Before the House a bill respecting Special bail in Certain Cases which was read a first time and ordered to a Second reading.—

a message from the Legislative Council by Mr Bankston

Mr Speaker I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives that the Legislative Council have passed a memorial to the President of the united States praying for a removal of the Seat of the Arkansas Land district of office to the little rock and request your Concurrence therein. they have also Concurred in the memorial to Congress praying for the establishment of a Surveyor Generals office in this Territory which memorial is herewith returned. on motion of Mr Horner the memorial to Congress praying the Establishment of a Surveyor Generals office in this Territory was ordered to be engrossed in a fair round hand in order to be signed by Speaker and president of either house

Mr. Horner of the Committee to whome was refered the Subject of traffic with the Indian Tribes reported a Bill on that subject which was read the first time and ordered to a Second reading

Mr Horner pursuant to notice heretofore given obtained leave and brought in a bill declaring what Laws of Arkansas Territory shall be in force in this Territory was read a first time and ordered to a Second reading and it was further ordered by the house that the Public Printer be directed to Print 1[illegible] Copies of said bill for the use of the members of both houses

The memorial from the Legislative Council to the President praying a removal of the Land office of the Arkansas Land district to the Little Rock was taken & read and passed & returned to Legislative Council.

Mr Tindal gave notice that on monday next he would ask leave to bring in a bill to revive certain suits had by appeal from Justices of the peace to the Superior Court of Arkansas District while in the Territory of Missouri

The House then went into Committee of the Whole House agreeably to the order of the day on the bill to suppress Gaming

Mr Tindal in the Chair and after some time spent therein the Committee rose & Mr Tindal reported progress and asked Leave to sit again.

Mr Tindal laid before the house a petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Arkansas & Pulaski Counties praying a seperate and distinct County. Referred to a Committee to wit Messrs Tindal Stilwell & Ellis with leave to report by bill or otherwise

House adjourned on motion till 2 o'Clock this afternoon. The house met pursuant to adjournment

On motion of Mr Tindal the engrossed bill for the division of Pulaski County was taken up and read when the House agreed some amendments & then the further Consideration of the bill was postponed till monday next.

Mr Horne gave notice that on monday next he would ask leave to bring in a bill directing the several Clerks as recorders of Deeds in the respective Counties of this Territory to furnish the Clerks or recorders of new Counties created in this Territory with suitable Abstracts of Deeds for Lands and other property Recorded in their respective offices for Land or other property lying and being in such new Counties

Message from the Legislative Council by Mr McElmurry

Mr Speaker

I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives that the Legislative Council have Concurred in passing the Memorial to the President on the Subject of running the Boundary line of this Territory. Praying for a road from the Chickasaw Bluffs to the Arkansas River and against the further introduction of Indians into this Territory also the Memorial to Congress praying for the right of preemption to settlers South of the Arkansas River and the same are herewith returned

They have also passed a memorial to Congress praying relief for the Settlers on the Cherokee Lands and ask the Concurrence of the House of representatives therein. 81

Mr Stevenson of the Committee appointed to Call on the Auditor and Treasurer of this Territory

The memorial from the Legislative Council praying relief for the Settlers on the Cherokee Land was then taken up & passed & returned to the Legislative Council

On Motion the House adjourned till 10 oclock on monday morning

(Monday morning the 9th October, 1820)

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

When Mr Sneed pursuant to notice heretofore given obtained leave and brought in a bill removing appeals from the Superior Court of this Territory to the Circuit Court of the County of Arkansas which was read the first time and ordered to a second reading

On motion of Mr Sneed the engrossed bill for establishing the County of Crawford was taken up & read the third time when Mr Sneed offered the following amendment as a fifth section and be it further enacted that the Legislative seat of ~~Government~~ Justice of the County of Crawford be held at Fort Smith Which was agreed to by the house and on the question shall the bill pass it was Carried in the affirmative. and the bill sent to the Legislative Council for their Concurrance

Agreeably to notice heretofore given Mr Horner obtained leave and brought in a bill directing the Clerks of the Circuit Courts in this Territory to deliver up to the Clerks of new Counties extracts of Deeds &c for Land or other Property lying and being in such new Counties which was read the first time and ordered to a second reading

The house then resolved itself into Committee of the whole house on the bill to suppress duelling Mr English in the Chair Mr Horner moved to amend the bill by adding a tenth section which was agreed to by the Committee. Mr Horner then moved to further amend the bill by adding an Eleventh section which was agreed to by the Committee. The Committee then rose and Mr English reported. That the Committee of the whole house had the said bill under Consideration and had agreed to the same with amendments on motion of Mr Horner the house agreed to the report of the Committee and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed for its third reading and final passage tomorrow. On motion of Mr Stevenson the house unanimously resolved that the General Assembly will not receive any applications for divorces but refer all such applications to the Courts having Jurisdiction thereof which resolution was sent to the Legislative Council for their Concurrance

The Select Committee reported an amended bill to divorce Maria Norville from her husband Joshua Norville which bill was then read when Mr Finucal moved to strike out the first section with the enacting Clause which was agreed to by the house.

The bill entitled an act supplimentary to the several laws of this Territory Concerning strays was then taken up and read the second time and on motion of Mr Stevenson was refered to a Select Committee messrs Stevenson and Loab Harden

On the Motion of Mr Horner the Bill respecting Special Bail in certain Cases was taken up and read the second time & on motion of Mr English was Committed to a Select Committee to wit, messrs English and Stillwell

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Barkman

Mr Speaker I am instructed to inform the ~~Legislative Council~~ house of representatives that the Legislative Council do Concur in the resolution of the house of representatives that the General Assembly will not receive applications for divorces.

The house adjourned till 9 o'Clock tomorrow morning

Tuesday Morning the 10th October in the year of our Lord 1820

The house met pursuant to adjournment

And on motion of Mr Horner the bill declaring what Laws shall be in force in this Territory was taken up & read the second time and Committed to a Committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Saturday next.

on motion of Mr Horner the bill directing the Clerks of the several Circuit Courts as recorders of the several Counties therein to deliver to the Clerks of new Counties erected therein abstracts of all deeds recorded in their respective offices for Lands lying in such new Counties. was taken up and read a second time and ordered to be Engrossed for its third reading and final passage Tomorrow

Agreably to notice heretofore given Mr Fish obtained leave and brought in a bill to authorise Danny S. Polley to Build a Public Warehouse at his residence on the Mississippi River which was read the first time and on motion of Mr Horner was rejected by the house

The Bill for removing of appeals had from Justices of the Peace in the County of Arkansas while under the government of the Missouri Territory to the Superior Court) to the Circuit Court now established. was taken up and read the second time and on motion of Mr Horner was referred to a Select Committee Consisting of messrs Horner & Fish.

Mr Stillwell moved that the rules of the house be dispensed with and that he have leave to bring in a bill authorising the Auditor of this Territory to audit all Accounts certified by the Supreme Court of the County of Arkansas & Circuit Court of the County of Lawrence while under the Government of Missouri which was read whereupon Mr Vincent moved that the bill be rejected and the yeas and nays being Called for those who voted in the affirmative were. English. Fish. Ellis Scott Hardin Vincent & Mr Shaler and those who voted in Negative were messrs Horner Stevenson & Stillwell. and the bill was accordingly rejected.

Mr Stevenson of the Select Committee to whom was referred the bill Supplementary to an act Concerning Strays reported. an amended amended bill which was read. and on the question will the house agree to the report of the Select Committee it was Carried in the affirmative Mr Horner then moved to Strike out the second section of the bill as amended. and on the question being it was negatived.

Mr English of the Committee Select Committee to whome was referd the bill reskuting Special Bail in Certain Cases reported an amended bille and on the question with the house agree to the said bill as amended it was Carried in the affirmative. mr. Stevenson moved that the said bill be engrosed for its third reading and final passage Tomorrow which was agreed to by the house.

And on motion of mr Stevenson the bill Supplementary to the Laws of this Territory respecting Strays was ordered to be engrossed for its third reading and final passage Tomorrow.

The engrosed bille for Suppressing the practice of dueling was taken up and read the third time and on the question Shall the bill pass it was Carried in the affirmative & Sent to the Legislative Council for their Concurrance.

On motion of mr Horner the bille to suppress buying horses from Indians was Taken up and read the Second time and Committed to a Select Committee. to wit messrs Horner & Ellis

mr Horner of the Committee to whome was refered the Bill to revive and transfer Certain Suits reported an amended bill and on the question with the house agree to the report of the Select Committee it was Carried in the affirmative. and the bille ordered to be engrosed for its third reading and final passage Tomorrow on thursday next

The house adjourned till 10 o Clock to morrow morning. cs

Wednesday morning October the 11th in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty

The house met pursuant to adjournment

On motion of mr Stevenson. the amended Bill from the Legislative Council for removing the Temporary Seat of Government of this Territory was taken up and read and on the question Will the house Concur with with the Legislative Council in said amendments the yeas and nays being called for those who voted in the affirmative were, messrs Ellis. English. Fish. Loab Harden Stevenson. & Finlay and those who voted in the negative were. messrs Horner Stilwell and mr Speaker So the bill was Carried in the affirmative yeas six nays three. and the Legislative Council were informed Thereof.

Mr Tindal pursuant to notice heretofore given obtained leave and brought in a bill to authorize the building of a Court house and Jail at the Town of Cadron in the County of Pulaski which bill was read the first time and ordered to a second reading

On motion of Mr Tindal. Ordered The house Accept of the proposals of Amos Wheeler for himself and agent for other. Proprietors of Certain Lands situated at the Little rock on the Arkansas river. ~~to grant~~ Laid off in a Town. to grant to the use of the Territory Certain Lots therein which proposals are marked with the Letter A. On the question being taken Will the house Accept of said proposals. it was Carried in the affirmation and the Legislative Council was informed thereof.

Mr Sinclair then moved That the other Gentlemen to wit messrs Hogan & montgomery have Leave to withdraw their proposals which was agreed to by the house.

The Engrossed bill Supplementary to the Several Laws of this Territory Concerning Strays was then taken up and read when Mr Horner proposed amendments to said bill by the way of Rider to the bill Which amendments were agreed to by the house and on the question Shall the bill pass. With its amendments. it was Carried in the affirmative and the bill sent to the Legislative Council for their Concurrance.

The Engrossed bill Supplementary to the Several Laws in this Territory for the Recovery of Small debts before a Justice of the peace was Then taken up and read the third time when Mr Horner moved Some amendments to said bill Which were agreed to by the house and on the question Shall the bill pass with its amendments it was Carried in the affirmative and the Legislative Council was informed thereof and their Concurrance required Therein

The Engrossed bill directing the transfer of Abstracts of Deeds &c. was then taken up and read the third time and on the question Shall the bill pass it was Carried in the affirmative & the bill Sent to the Council for their Concurrance

Mr Stevenson Laid before the house the petition of Sundry inhabitants of the Town of Arkansas praying the passage of a Law to ~~incorporate~~ incorporate them With Certain Powers and privileges. which petition was read and Committed to a Committee Consisting of messrs Horner & Stilwell with Leave to report by bill or otherwise.

The house then adjourned till 9 o. Clock tomorrow morning.

Thursday Morning October 12th 1826

The House met pursuant to an adjournment

When Mr. English obtained leave of absence during the remainder of this Session

On Motion of Mr. Stephenson a Committee was appointed on the part of this House, to act in Conjunction with such Committee as may be appointed on the part of the Legislative Council, to take into consideration, that part of the Governors Message relative to a loan in favor of this Territory, and that the said Committee be permitted to report by Bill or otherwise, Messrs. Stephenson Horner & Kindall were appointed that Committee, and the Legislative Council were informed thereof, a Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Phillips,

Mr Speaker I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives that the Council have passed the bill, entitled an act to suppress the practice of dueling, which bill is herewith returned, A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Boilman,

Mr Speaker I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives, that the Council have concurred in the request of the House, to appoint a joint Committee to take into Consideration, that part

of the Governors Message, relative to aloan and have appointed Mr McElmurry, Chair Committee on the part of the Legislative Council, & Mr Horner of the Select Committee, to whom was referd the bill to suppress the buying of horses mules &c from Indians within this Territory Reported the said bill with the amendments, which amendments were agreed to by the house, and on the motion of Mr Horner, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to morrow.

On Motion by Mr Sinclair, the bill for erecting a Courthouse and Jail in County of Salas Ti was taken up, & was read a second time, and Committed to a Committee of the whole, and made the order of the day for tomorrow Mr Horner gave notice that on tomorrow. I shall he would ask leave to bring in a bill to repeal the law requiring Commissions to be recorded in this Territory. When the house adjourned till 2 o.Clock this afternoon.

The house met pursuant to adjournment When the Engrossed bill Entitled an act to remove and transfer Certain suits was taken up and read the third time when Mr Horner offered some amendments to said bill by way of rider to the bill, which amendments were agreed to by the house and on the question shall the bill pass with its amendments it was Carried in the affirmative and the Bill sent to the Legislative Council for their Concurrence a message from the Legislative Council by Mr Barkman Mr Speaker I am instructed to inform the house of representatives that the Legislative Council have Concurred in Accepting the

proposals of Amos Wheeler and others proprietors of Certain Lands at the little Rock, for the use of this Territory.

The house adjourned till 9 o'Clock tomorrow morning.. October 13th 1820 the house met pursuant to adjournment

on Motion of Mr Horner the Bill to creat and establish the County of Independence which was returned to the Grand Committee of the Genral Assembly for reconsideration was taken up and read the first time and ordered to a second reading.

Our Slevenson of the Committee appointed to examin the unfinished buisness of the first part of this Session of the General Assembly. Reported in full the following papers not hitherto reported. 1st an act Creating the office of attorney General. 2nd a bill to be entitled an act to regulate the Sales of real Estates. 3rd an act Supplimentary to an act entitled an act. directing the probate of Wills. 4th a bill regulating marriages 5th an act for the relief of the Several Sheriffs in the Territory of Arkansas. 6th a resolution requiring the Governor not to appoint an Adjutant General. 7th a petition from this General Assembly to Congress praying for an additional Judge

Your Committee beg leave ask of which Papers to report as follows. That the third fourth and fifth be laid on the table and that the first second sixth and seventh be postponed indefinately. which report was accepted of by the House

~~Ordered to lie upon the table and be printed~~

Mr Horner of the Committee to whome was refered the Inconcurrency of this Territory reported a bill to Establish Courts of Common Pleas in this Territory to abolish the Circuit Courts now established by law and for other purposes which bill was read the first time and ordered to a second reading

Mr Horner agreeably to notice heretofore given obtained leave and brought in a bill entitled an act to repeal the laws now in force requiring Commissions to be recorded in this Territory - which bill was read the first time and ordered to a second reading.

a message from the Legislative Council by Mr Backman

Mr Speaker I am instructed to inform the house of representatives that the Legislative Council have Concurred in passing the Bill entitled an act for the division of the County of Pulaski which bill is herewith returned, They have also passed a Bill entitled an act supplementary to an act defining the powers and duties of Justices of the peace in matters of a Civil nature and for other purposes and ask your Concurrence

The Bill from the Legislative Council defining the powers and duties of Justices of the peace in matters of a Civil nature and for other purposes was then taken up and read the first time and ordered to a second reading

on motion of Mr Lindsey it was unanimously ~~agreed~~ resolved by the house that the proposals of Arnold Wheeler for himself and agent for other proprietors of certain Lands at the little rock on the arkansas river to furnish Certain Accommodations for the use of this Territory and the reception of the General assembly of this Territory so long as they may think proper to use the same and that the Governor be requested to take bond with such security as he may think proper to insure the Compliance of the parties agreable to said proposals. and that the Concurrance of the Council be requested herein. and the Council were informed thereof.

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the bill to authorise the building of a Court house and Jail at the Seat of Justice at the Town of Cairo in the County of Pulaski. Mr Fish in the Chair. and after some time spent therein the Committee rose, and Mr Fish Reported that the Committee of the whole had the said bill under Consideration had agreed to the same with amendments. Which on the question with the House Accepts of the report of the Committee of the whole it was Carried in the affirmative - and the bill ordered to be engrossed for its third reading tomorrow
A When the House Adjourned till 2 o'Clock this afternoon. The House met pursuant to adjournment when Mr Kinder moved that the Rules of the House be dispensed with and that the ~~bill~~ Act to erect and Establish the County of Independence be taken up and read the second time by its Title only which was agreed to by the House and the said bill Committed to a Committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow

Mr Horner then moved that the rules of the house be dispensed with and that the bill Entitled an act to repeal all laws now in force in this Territory requiring Commissions of Civil officers to be Recorded be taken & read the second time which was agreed to by the House and the said bill ordered to be engrossed for its third reading and final passage to morrow.

Mr Fish then moved that the bill Supplementary to an act entitled and act defining the powers and duties of Justices of the peace in matters of a Civil nature and for other purposes. The rules of the house being dispensed with the said bill was taken up and read a second time by its Title only and Committed to a Committee of the Whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

Mr Hopkins gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a bill to remove Certain proceedings respecting administration from the County Courts to the County of Phillips.

On motion of mr Horner the house adjourned till
9 o'Clock Common morning.

October the 14th in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and twenty The house met Pursuant to adjournment.
When cur Stevenson of the Committee to whom was refered the Judicial
Concerns of this Territory Reported a bill which bill was
read the first time and ordered to a second reading
A message from the Legislative Council by mr Parkman

Mr Speaker I am instructed to inform the house of
Representatives that the Legislative Council have Concurred
in the resolution of the house of representatives requesting
the governor to take bonds of Amos Wheeler and Others
accordig to his proposals made to the General Assembly
whereupon it was ordered by the house that the said
resolution be Enroled in a fair round hand in order to
be signed.

The several acts to Wit, an Act to repeal the
Laws now in force in this Territory requiring the
Commissions of Civil Officers to be recorded. an Act to
Suppress the buying of horses &c. from Indians. and an
Act to authorise the Building of a Court house and
Jail at the Seat of Justice in the Town of Cadron
Pulaski County. were Severally taken and read the
third time and Passed and sent to the Legislative
Council for their Concurrance.
a message from the Legislative Council by mr Clark
mr Speaker I am instructed to inform the house of Representa-
tives, that the Legislative Council have Concurred in
passing an act entitled an act to remove and transfer
Certain suits also an Act entitled an Act to transfer abstract
records of Deeds. with some amendments and ask the
Concurrance of the house of representatives thereto. also the
act Supplementary to the several Laws of this Territory for
the recovery of Small Debts, before Justices of the peace
and have postponed the further Consideration of the bill
Supplimentary to the several Laws of this Territory
respecting Strays. until the first day of June next
which bills ~~are~~ are herewith Returned

The house then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole On the bill Entitled an act to erect and establish the County of Independence Mr Tindal in the Chair and after Some time Spent Therein the Committee rose the Speaker resumed the Chair & Mr Tindal Reported that the Committee of the Whole had the said bill for Some time under Consideration and had agreed to the same with Some amendments. and on the Question with the house Concept of the report of the Committee of the Whole it was Carried in the affirmative and the bill ordered to be engrossed for its third reading and final passage on Monday next.

Mr Stevenson then gave notice that on monday next he would ask leave to bring in a bill for the relief of James Blackbourn. The house adjourned till 2 o'Clock this afternoon - - - - -

The house met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr Tindal the amended bill from the Legislative Council entitled an act to transfer Abstracts of Deeds was taken up and read and on the Question Shall the bill pass with its Amendments it was Carried in the affirmative And the Council was informed thereof.

The house then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the bill defining the powers and duties of Justices of the peace in matters of a Civil nature. & for other purposes Mr Stilwell in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the Committee rose the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Stilwell reported that the Committee of the Whole had the said bill under Consideration Some time and had agreed to the same With Some amendments and on the question with the house agree to the report of the Committee of the whole it was Carried in the affirmative. & the bill ordered to a third reading on monday next

The house adjourned till 9 Clock on monday morning next.

Monday Morning October the 16th 1820

The house met pursuant to adjournment

When On the motion of Mr Horner the engrossed bill for erecting and establishing the County of Independence was taken up read the third time and passed and sent to the Legislative Council for their Concurrence

The act entitled an act Concerning the Local Concerns of this Territory. was then taken up and read the Second time by its Title only & Committed to a Committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow

Mr Stevenson agreeably to notice heretofore given obtained leave and brought in a bill for the relief of James Blackbourn. which was read the first time and ordered to a second reading

The bill entitled an act to establish Courts of Common pleas & for other purposes, and, made the order of this day was then taken up and ordered to lay on the Table.—

Mr Stilwell Presented a Petition from sundrie Inhabitants of Checot Township in the County of Arkansa Praying a seperate and distinct County by the name of Richland County. which Petition was read and referred to a Committee of two to wit. messrs. Stilwell and Horner with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On the motion of Mr Stevenson the house came to the following resolution to wit, resolved that a Committee of two be appointed on the part of this house to act in Conjunction with such Committee as may be appointed on the part of the Legislative Council to wait on the Governor of this Territory. and instruct him to Direct the Public Printer to forward Legislative

Script in proportionals bills of ones twos threes and five dollars and messrs Stevenson Hill & Ellis were appointed that Committee and the Council were informed thereof

Mr Stevenson of the Committee to whome was referd that part of the Governors message respecting a Loan in favor this Territory reported unfavorably to such loan and recommend in lieu thereof an increase of Revenue which report was agreed to by the house and the same Committee discharged

On the Motion of Mr Sibley a Committee of three was appointed to examine the Criminal laws of this Territory and if they should deem them insufficient to Report by bill or otherwise. Messrs Sibley Stillwell and Skinner were appointed that Committee

Mr Skinner of the Committee of enrolment Reported that that Committee had examined the bill entitled an Act for the division of Pulaski County and found it duly enrolled which act was accordingly signed by the Speaker.

a Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Backman

Mr Speaker I am instructed to inform the house of Representatives that the Council have disagreed to the request of the house to appoint a Joint Committee to ~~wait~~ wait on the Auditor & instruct him to have the Script struck in bills of one two three and five Dollars and have passed the following resolution Viz Resolved that the Territorial Treasurer be instructed to have the Territorial Script printed in proportionate bills of one two ~~and~~ three & five dollars and request your Concurrence. and on the question Will the house Concur in the said resolution it was carried in the affirmative and the Council informed thereof

Mr Stevenson then moved that the rules of the house be dispensed with and that he have leave to bring before the house a bill entitled an act to authorise the payment of Certain warrants drawn by the Auditor on the Territorial Treasury which was agreed to by the house and the bill read the first time and ordered to a second reading

The house then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill entitled an act to establish Courts of Common Pleas. & Mr Fish in the Chair and after some time spent therein the Committee rose. the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Fish reported that the Committee of the whole had the said bill for some time under consideration had made some progress therein and asked leave to set again which leave was granted by the house

~~And on the question with the consent of the report of the Committee of the whole on the said bill it was Ordered~~

~~that the Same lie for the house adjourned till 9 Oclock to morrow morning~~ and the house adjourned till 9 Oclock tomorrow morning

Tuesday morning October the 17th 1820

The house met pursuant to adjournment.

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Backman

Mr Speaker I am instructed to inform the house of representatives that the Council have Concurred in passing an act establishing the County of Independance which bill is herewith returned - and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed

Agreeably to notice heretofore given Mr Farmer obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled an act to remove administrators and executorships from the County of Jackson to the County of Phillips and for other purposes which bill was read the first time and ordered to a second reading

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Backman

Mr Speaker I am instructed to inform the house of representatives that the Council have Concurred in passing the following acts Viz

an act suppressing the buying of Horses mules &c^a from Indians in this Territory. an act to authorise the building a Courthouse and Jail at the seat of Justice in the Town of Adron Pulaski County An act to repeal the laws of this Territory requiring the Commissions of Civil Officers in this Territory to be recorded. which several acts are herewith returned which said acts were ordered to be engrossed.

a Message from the Council by Mr Phillips

Mr Speaker I am instructed to inform the house of representatives that the Council have Passed an act Establish Prison bounds. which bill is herewith sent for the Concurrence of the house of representatives

When the said bill was taken up and read the first time and ordered to a Second reading

The house then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the bill entitled an act Concerning the fiscal Concerns of this Territory Mr Loab Hardin in the Chair. and after some time spent therein the Committee rose the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Hardin reported that the Committee of the Whole had the said bill under consideration & had agreed to the same with some amendments and on the question Will the house accept of the report of the Committee of the

which it was Carried in the ~~negative~~ affirmative and the said bill
a committed to a Select Committee to wit mess Tindal & Horner
The house adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning

Wednisday morning october 18th 1820 The house met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr Horner of the Committee of enrolment Reported the following Bills duly enrolled. - to wit. an act to remove and transfer abstract records of Deeds. an act to remove and transfer Certain suits an act supplementary to the several laws now in force in this Territory for the recovery of small debts before a Justice of the peace an act to establish the County of Independence an act to suppress the Practice of Dueling. an act to repeal the laws now requiring the Commissions of Court officers in this Territory to be recorded. and an act to authorise the Building a Court house and Jail at the seat of Justice in Town of Cadron Pulaski County which several acts were signed by the Speaker.

The bill entitled an act to remove administrators & Executorships from the County of arkansaw to the County of Phillips & for other Purposes was then taken up and read the second time and Committed to a Select Committee to wit messrs Horner and Joab Hardin

Mr Horner of the Select Committee to whom was refered the bill entitled an act to establish Courts of Common pleas & for other purposes Reported an amended bill which was taken up and read. and on the question shall the house agree to the report of the Select Committee it was Carried in the affirmative and the bill ordered to be engrossed for its third reading this day

Mr Tindal of the Select Committee to whom was refered the bill entitled an act Concerning the fiscal Concerns of this Territory Reported an Amended bill and on the question shall the house agree to the report of the Select Committee it was Carried in the affirmative and the said bill ordered to be engrossed for its third reading and journal Prayer to morrow

a Message from the Legislative Council by Mr
McElmurry Mr Speaker I am instructed to
inform the House of representatives that the Council have
passed an act entitled an act to authorise the building Jails
in the Counties of Arkansas and Phillips and a bill entitled
an act Regulating the sale of property taken under
Execution Which said bills are herewith sent for your
Concurrance.

The Bill from the Council entitled an act to
authorise the Building of Jails in the Counties of Arkansas
and Phillips was then taken up and read the first time
and ordered to a second reading.

When the Bill from the Legislative
Council regulating the sale of property taken under
Execution was taken up and read the first time and on
motion of Mr Horner that the further Consideration
of the said bill was postponed till the first day
of the next meeting of the General Assembly on the
Question being Taken and the yeas and nays being
Called for those who voted in the affirmative were
Messrs Ellis Doub Hudgin Horner Stevenson Stilwell
and Tindall 7 and in the negative was Mr Fish 1
so the bill was postponed.

On the motion of Mr Finigal
The Bill entitled an act for the relief of Jonas
Blankenship was then taken up and read the second time
and ~~passed to the Senate~~ and the further Consideration thereof postponed
till the first ~~next~~ meeting of the General Assembly
The bill entitled an act to Establish Town
Bounds was then taken up and read the second time
and ordered to ~~a third~~ its third reading to morrow
The bill entitled an act to authorise the payment
of certain warrants drawn by the County
Auditor was taken up and read the second time and
Committed to a Committee of the Whole house and made the
order of this day.

The Bill entitled an act to establish Courts of Common pleas in this Territory and for other purposes was then taken up and read the third time when Mr Sinclair moved to amend the said bill by the way of Rider to the bill by striking out the word two in the thirty third line of the second section which allowed the Judges of the Courts of Common pleas two dollars per day and orders them in lieu thereof on the question being taken the yeas and nays being called for those who voted in the affirmative were messrs Ellis, Cook Hardin Horner Stilwell & Tindal and Mr Sheaffer and those who voted in the negative were messrs Fish and Stevenson and on the question shall the bill pass with the amendment it was Carried in the affirmative and the bill sent to the Legislative Council for their concurrence.

Mr Stevenson moved that the rules of the house be dispensed with, and that he have leave to lay before the house a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the electing of Commissioners for the Counties of Clark Hempstead and Chicot which was agreed to by the house and the bill read the first time and ordered to a second reading.

Mr Horner of the Select Committee to whom was referred a bill entitled an act to remove Administrations &c from the County of Arkansas to the County of Phillips Reported an amended bill and on the question will the house accept of the Report of the Select Committee it was Carried in the affirmative and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed for its third reading and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

The house then resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the bill entitled an act to authorize the Payment of Certain Warrants Mr Stilwell in the Chair and after some time spent therein the Committee rose and Mr Stilwell reported that the Committee of the whole had the said bill under Consideration & had agreed to the House bill amendments and on the question will the house accept of the report of the Committee of the it was Carried in the affirmative.

and the bill ordered to be engrossed for its third reading to morrow.

Mr Horner Gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Governor to apportion the next General Assembly according to the Census in each County & for other purposes.

‡ Pursuant to notice heretofore given Mr Horner obtained leave and brought in a bill entitled an act to erect and establish the County of Which bill was read the first time and ordered to a second reading.

Mr Peterson moved that the rules of the house be dispensed with and asked leave to bring in a bill entitled an act to authorize the Treasurer to issue Scripts of any amount from one dollar & upwards which was agreed to by the house and the said bill was read the first time and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr Tindal the house came to the following resolution resolved that this General Assembly will adjourn this afternoon on Saturday next the 21st of this month: and that they will not receive any more business after this day and that the Concurrence of the Council be requested. herein.

House adjourned till 9 o'Clock Tomorrow morning.

Thursday Morning October 19th 1820

The house met pursuant to adjournment

When Mr Horner moved the reconsideration of the resolution of this house to adjourn on Saturday next which was agreed to by the house and the said resolution ordered to lay on the Table.

The bill entitled and act to regulate the fiscal Concerns of this Territory was then taken up and read the third time when Mr Horner moved that the first section of the bill be amended by striking out the words fifty Cts. in the eighth line leaving the Territorial tax on land one dollar for every hundred dollars and on the question being taken it was negatived and the yeas and nays being called for those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs Horner Stilwell, and Mr Sheetz and those who voted against the amendment were messrs Ellis. Fish. Loab Harmin Stevenson & Finnah. the motion was lost nays 5 yeas 3. and the further Consideration of the said bill was postponed till this afternoon.

The act entitled an act to establish Prison bounds was then taken up and read the third time and recommitted to a select Committee to wit, messrs Horner and Fisher

The bill entitled an act authorizing the building of Jails in the Counties of Kanay & Phillips was then taken up and read the second time and ordered to a third reading. also the bill entitled an act authorizing the standing Commissioners for the Counties of Clark Hempstead and Miller was taken up and read the second time and [redacted] Committed to a Committee of the Whole and made the order of this day

The bill entitled an act to erect and establish the County of [redacted] was taken up and read the second time & committed to a Committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for tomorrow

Mr Horner moved that the rules of the house be dispensed with and that he have leave to bring in a bill entitled an act to provide for the payment of Certain Certificates issued by the Supreme Court of the County of Arkansas. which was agreed to by the house and the bill read the first time and ordered to a second reading

Mr Horner of the Committee of enrolments reported that the enrolled bills presented to and signed by the Speaker yesterday were presented to the Governor for approval

Mr Stevenson Gave notice that on Tomorrow he would ask leave to Bring in a bill to provide for the safe Keeping of the Public arms &c of this Territory and the Council were informed thereof.

The bill entitled an act to regulate the Fiscal Concerns of this Territory was then taken up and read the third time and amended and on the question shall the bill pass with its amendments it was decided in the affirmative and sent to the Council for their Concurrence

On motion of Mr Tindall the house went into Committee of the whole on the bill Authorizing the electing Commissioners to fix the Several seats of Justice of the Counties of Clark Hempstead & miller ~~& the Counties of Hunt Dennison~~ Mr Horner in the Chair and after some time Spent therein the Committee rose and Mr Horner Reported that the Committee of the Whole had the said bill under Consideration some time and agreed to the same with some amendments and on the question will the house accept of the report of the Committee of the whole it was decided in the affirmation. and the said bill ordered to be engrossed for its third reading and made the order of the day for tomorrow.

The bill entitled an act to authorize the payment of certain Certificates issued by the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the County of Arkansas was taken up and read the Second time by its Title title only and Committed to a Committee of the whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow

The bill entitled an act directing the Governor of the Territory to make the apportionment of the Representation in the General Assembly of this Territory was taken up and read the second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole and made the order of the day for tomorrow

Mr Lowe Hardin gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a bill to erect a Court house and Jail in the County of Independence

The House adjourned till 9 o'Clock to morrow morning.

Friday morning October 20th 1820 The House met pursuant to adjournment.

When Mr Horner of the Select Committee to whom was referred the bill entitled an act Supplementary to the laws now in force in this Territory relating to Indian Grants Reported an amended bill On on the question will the House Accept of the report of the Select Committee it was decided in the affirmative when a question was taken Shall the bill pass with its amendments it was decided in the affirmative and sent to the Council for their Concurrance.

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the bill to erect and Establish the County of including Chicot point on the Mississippi River Mr Stevenson in the Chair when Mr Kinsal moved to strike out the first section of the bill with the enacting Clause and on the question being Taken it was decided in the affirmative when the Committee rose and Mr Stevenson Reported that the Committee of the whole had the said bill under Consideration & had struck out the first section with the enacting Clause and on the question will the house Accept of the Report of the Committee of the whole it was decided in the affirmative (~~and the bill was rejected~~) and the yeas and nays being called for those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs Eller, Fish, Lowe Hardin Stevenson & Kinsal. and Mr Shall and those who voted in favor of the bill were Messrs Horner and Stilwell

The house then went into Committee of the whole on the bill entitled an act to provide for the payment of Certain Certificates Mr Ellis in the Chair and after some time Spent therein the Committee rose and Mr Ellis Reported that the Committee of the whole had the said bill under Consideration Some time made some progress therein and asked leave to Set again. and on the question being taken shall the house Accept of the Report of the Committee of the whole it was decided in the affirmative. the Bill entitled an act to authorise the Clerks & Commissioners to establish the seat of Justice in the Counties of Clark Hempstead and others was taken up and read the third time & passed and sent to the Council for their Concurrence

Mr Joab Harris appeared to notice heretofore given obtained leave and brought in a bill Entitled an act appointing Commissioners to fix & establish the seat of Justice in the County of Independance which was read the first time and ordered to a second reading

Mr Pindal then moved that the rules of the house be dispensed with and that he have leave to bring in a bill entitled an act for the Punishment of horse stealing & for other purposes. which was agreed to by the house and the said bill was read the first time and ordered to a second reading.

on the motion of Mr Horner that there be a third person appointed to act in Conjunction with the Committee appointed to inquire into the Criminal laws of this territory it was agreed to by the house and Mr Fish was appointed on that Committee

The bill from the Legislative Council Entitled an act to authorise the building of Jails in the Counties of Arkansas and Phillips was taken up and Passed and ordered to be enrolled

The house then went into Committee of the whole on the bill entitled an act directing the Governor to make the apportionment of the next General assembly Mr Stillwell in the Chair and after some time spent therein the Committee rose and Mr Stillwell reported that the Committee of the whole had the said bill for some time under Consideration and had agreed to the same and on the question being taken with the house Accept of the report of the Committee of the whole it was decided in the affirmative

and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on

The bill entitled an Act to authorise the Treasurer to issue Treasury notes to any amount above one dollar was taken up and read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for its third reading and final passage to morrow

On motion of Mr Grant Ordered the rules of the house be suspended with and The bill entitled an Act to appoint Commissioners to fix and establish the seat of Justice in the County of Independence was taken and read the second time by its Title only and ordered to be engrossed for its third reading and final passage to morrow

The bill entitled an Act providing for the Payment of certain Certificates issued by the Superior Court of the County of Arkansas was taken up and on the motion of Mr Pindall the further Consideration of said bill was Postponed till the first meeting of the Second assembly of this Territory.

Mr Horner pursuant to Notice heretofore Given obtained leave to bring in a bill making further appropriations for the Years eighteen hundred and twenty one eighteen hundred and twenty one

When the house adjourned till 9 o'Clock tomorrow

Saturday Morning October the 21st 1820

The house met pursuant to adjournment when Mr Newman moved that the rules of the House be dispensed with and that he have leave to bring in a bill supplementary to the several laws of this Territory defining the duties of the Adjutant General which was agreed to by the house and the said bill was read the first time and ordered to a second reading

The several engrossed bills to wit, an act to authorise the Governor to make the apportionment of the members of the next General Assembly of this Territory and an act appointing Commissioners to establish the seat of Justice in & for the County of Independence was taken up and read the third time and Passed & sent to the Legislative Council for their Concurrence

On Motion of Mr Stevenson the House Came to the following Resolution resolved by the General Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas That the Governor be and he is hereby Required to Give Notice by advertisment in the Public News Papers of this Territory at least six weeks to all persons holding Certificates against the County of Arkansas which Certificates had been issued by the Clerk of the General Court in & for the said County prior to the 4th day of July 1819. to lay said Certificates before the next General Assembly That provision may be made by law for the payment of the same and any person who does not lay his Certificate as aforesaid before the next General Assembly shall be for ever after barred the right of payment which resolution was sent to the Council for their Concurrence.

On the motion of Mr Stevenson The bill entitled an act to authorise the Territorial Treasurer to issue small Treasury notes was taken and read the third time and passed & sent to the Council for their Concurrence.

The bill from the Legislative Council Entitled an act for the limitation of actions to recover the inheritance of real Estate was taken & read the first time and ordered to a second reading

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Clark—

Mr Speaker I am instructed to inform the House of Representatives that the Legislative Council have Concurred in passing a bill entitled an act regulating the Fiscal Concerns of this Territory with sundry amendments to the same in which amendments the Council ask the Concurrence of the house of representatives. They also Concur in passing a bill entitled an act to remove admeasurements and executorships from Arkansas County to the County of Phillips and a bill entitled an act to authorise the Payment of certain Certificates drawn by the Territorial auditor on the Territorial Treasurer. They have passed an act limiting the time for bringing actions for the Recovery of the entire Title or Possession of real Estate. and ask your Concurrence therein.

They have also Concurred in the amendments to the bill entitled an act supplementary to the laws now in force in this Territory respecting foreign Counties.

The bill entitled an act supplementary to an act to regulate the fiscal Concerns of this Territory with its amendments was then taken up and read and agreed to by the house with some the amendments to which bill and amendments were returned to the Council for their Concurrence

On the motion of mr Lindal the house Came to the following resolution resolved that this General Assembly will adjourn this Session on Tuesday next the 24th of October in the year A.D. 1820. which resolution was sent to the Council for their Concurrence.

When the house adjourned till 2 o'Clock this afternoon

The house met Pursuant to adjournment - - -

A Message from the Legislative Council by mr Bankman. mr Speaker I am instructed by the Legislative Council to inform the house of representatives. That the Legislative Council have Concurred in passing the bill entitled an act to Establish Courts of Common Pleas. & regulate the Terms of the Superior Court. with some amendments in which they ask your Concurrence. which bill was then taken up and read and Concurred in with an other amendment which bill was returned to the Council for their Concurrence in said amendment.

The Bill Entitled an Act. to punish horse stealing was then taken up on the motion of mr Lindal and read the second time and Committed to a Committee of the whole and made the order of the day for monday next.

on the Motion of mr Horner the bill from the Council for the limitation of Actions for the recovery of the intestates or Testators personal property was taken up and read the second time and ordered to its third reading on monday next.

mr Horner of the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundrie inhabitants of the Town of Arkansas Pray an act of incorporation. Reported that they find the laws now in force have made ample provision by which any Town in this Territory may be incorporated by the Court on application of the Inhabitants of such Town.

they therefore think it useless for this Legislature to make any Laws on that subject.

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr McElmurry

Mr Speaker I am instructed to inform the house of Representatives, that the Legislative Council do Concur in the Amendments by the house of Representatives to the Act regulating the Fiscal Concerns of this Territory also to the bill Establishing Courts of Common pleas &c and they also Concur in the Resolution to adjourn on Tuesday next. and they have Appointed Mr Clark a Committee on their part to wait on the Governor and inform him that they will adjourn early next Week and ask him to make any Communications he may be pleased to make.

On the motion of Mr Horner the Committee of ways and means were instructed to wait on Eli D Lewis Esqr and enquire what Charges of Storage was due for Keeping the Public arms

On the Motion of Mr Stevenson the bill entitled an act Supplementary to the several Laws defining the duties of Adjutant General was taken up and read the Second time and Committed to a Committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Monday next.

When the house adjourned till nine O Clock on Monday next.

Monday morning october the 23d 1820 the house Met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Horner of the Committee who was appointed to wait on the Governor Reported that his Excellency would make some Communications to the house This day

When Mr Horner of the Committee of Enrolments Reported that the Committee had examined the following enrolled bills to wit An act to Suppress the buying of horses mules &c from Indians within this Territory An act Supplementary to the Laws now in force in this Territory respecting Prison bounds. An act to Authorise the Payment of Certain Warrants drawn by the Territorial Auditor on the Territorial Treasurer

an act to authorise the building of Jails in the Counties of Arkansas and Phillips & for other purposes.

An act to remove administration from the County of Arkansas to the County of Phillips & for other Purposes. an act to Re establish Courts of Common Pleas &c an act supplementary to an act to regulate the fiscal Concerns of this Territory. and an act supplementary to an act entitled an act defining the powers and duties of Justices of the peace in matters of a Civil Nature and for other purposes. and find them duly enrolled

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the whole agreeably to the order of the day on the bill entitled an act for the Punishment of horse stealing Mr Fish in the Chair and after some time spent therein the Committee rose and Mr Fish reported that the Committee of the whole had the said bill under Consideration some time and made some progress therein. when it was moved by Mr Sindal that the house accept of the report of the Committee of the whole it was Agreed in the affirmative

When the house resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the bill making appropriation for the years 1820 & 1821 Mr Joab Harden in the Chair and after some time spent therein the Committee rose the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Hardin reported that the Committee of the whole to which the said bill some time under Consideration had agreed to the same With some amendment and on the question Will the house Accept of the report of the Committee of the whole it was Agreed in the affirmative and the said bill ordered to be engrossed for its third reading and final Passage to morrow

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Clark

Mr Speaker I am instructed to inform the house of representatives that the Council do Concur in passing the bill authorising the Treasurer of this Territory to issue Treasury Warrants &c.

also an act for electing Commissioners to locate the Seat of Justice in the Counties of Clark Hempstead and Miller with some amendments in which they ask your Concurrence I am also instructed to inform the House of representatives that the Council have appointed Sam C Rose Clerk protem to the Council for the remainder of the present Session in the absence of Richard Searcy the present Clerk.

The several bills providing for the limitation of actions and the bill directing the treasurer to open "Canal" notes were taken up and read the third time and passed and ordered to be enrolled.

The House then resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the Supplementary to the General laws now in force defining the duties of adjutant General Mr Ellis in the Chair and after some time spent therein the Committee rose the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ellis reported that the Committee of the Whole had the said bills for some time under Consideration and had struck out the first section with the enacting Clause. and on the question will the house Accept of the report of the Committee of the whole it was decided in the affirmative

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Bartleman Mr Speaker I am instructed to inform the house of representatives that the Council have Concurred in Passing an act appointing Commissioners to establish the seat of Justice in the County of Independence with an amendment which is returned for Your Concurrence. also an Act authorizing the Governor to make the Apportionment of the representation for the next General Assembly with some amendments. also a resolution requesting the Governor &c.

The Bill from the Council appointing Commissioners to establish the seat of Justice in the County of Independence was then taken up with its amendments and the house Concurred in said Amendments. and the bill was ordered to be enrolled

The Bill from the Council to authorise the Governor to make the apportionment of the next General Assembly was then taken up and the ~~bill~~ its amendments and the Concurrence in said amendments and the bill was ordered to be enrolled.

Tuesday morning October the 24th 1820

The house met pursuant to adjournment.

Henry Cassedy clerk of the house of representatives moved for leave of absence in consequence of his ill health which motion was agreed to and ordered A Turner was appointed clerk pro tempore in his stead.

A letter from the Honble Comr informing the house of his absenting himself on account of the indisposition of his family, was read and his apology accepted and leave of absence granted.

On motion of Mr Tindall, a bill entitled an act making further appropriations for the year 1820 and 1821, was taken up and read the third time; and on the question shall the bill pass. It was decided in the affirmative and sent to the legislative council for their concurrence.

On motion of Mr Fish to appoint one of a joint committee of enrollment. The Speaker appointed Mr Fish.

Mr Tindall laid before the house the petition of William Russell concerning the seat of government which petition was referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs Tindall, Lamb Hardin and Mr Stephenson, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr Fish from the committee of enrollment reported that he had examined and found the following bills duly

inrolled. Vz. An act entitled an act authorizing the territorial treasurer to issue small notes—

An act appointing commissioners to ~~appoint~~ collect- lect the list of justices in Independance county;

Also a resolution of the general assembly couched in the following words. Resolved by the ~~Legislative~~ assembly of the territory of Arkansas. That the governor be & is hereby requested to give notice by advertisements in the public newspapers at least six weeks, to all persons holding certificates against the county of Arkansas; which were issued by the clerk of the general court previous to the fourth day of July 1819. to lay them before the next general assembly. That provisions may be made by law for the payment of the same, & any person who does not lay his certificate as aforesaid before the next general assembly shall be forever after barred the right of payment—

† The committee to whom was referred the petition of William Russell reports unfavourably on s^d petition upon which Mr Zendall a chairman moved that the yeas and nays be taken upon s^d petition, which was agreed to. The vote stood as follows. In the affirmative Messrs Ellis, Fitch, Crosby Hardin, Stephenson and the Speaker. In the negative Messrs Trotter and Zindall

Mr Stephenson then submitted the following resolution.— Resolved by the general assembly of the Territory of Arkansas; that Amos McCurdy for himself and others be & are hereby required to erect the buildings for the reception of the next general assembly on lands not in dispute at this time between William and partners & Mr McCurdy and others

at the Little Rock. and that the vacancy, a township according to survey excluding the town of Little Rock be called the Little Rock. Which resolution was negatived.

On motion of Mr Zendall the rules of the house were dispensed with, after which he had leave to introduce a bile explanatory of the act of the legislature of the Territory of Arkansas removing the seat of government of s Territory from the post of Arkansas and establishing it at the Little Rock temporarily. Passed the 18th of october 1820.

In consequence of which Mr Fish moved that the aforesaid bile be rejected. The yeas and nays being called for they stood as follows Viz In the affirmative Messrs Ellis Fish Lord Hardin Stephenson; and in the negative Messrs Stillwell Zendall and the speaker.

The house then adjourned until 2 Oclock this evening.

Tuesday evening. October 24th 1820.

The house convened pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the house of the legislative council by Mr Bachman. Mr Speaker. I am instructed to inform you that the legislative council have concurred in passing the bill making further appropriations for the years 1820. & 1821 with amendments and ask you concurrence in the same. — And on the question bile the house concur in the amendments. it was carried in the affirmative.

Mr Fish from the committee of enrollment reports that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled the

following bill. — An act entitled an act to authorize the governor to make an apportionment of the representation for the next general assembly. Which bill was signed by the speaker. —

On motion of Elias Stapleton, a resolution was submitted authorizing the governor to provide for the distribution of the laws of the territory of Arkansas. Which was passed, and sent to the legislative council for their concurrence. —

The following laws, passed at the october session of the legislature, were approved by the governor on the 21th of october 1820. Viz —

1st An act to remove the temporary seat of government of the territory of arkansas. —

2nd — An act for the division of the county of Pulaski

3d — an act to suppress the practice of dueling —

4th — An act supplementary to the several laws now in force in this Territory for the recovery of small debts before a justice of the peace. — —

5th — An act authorizing and establishing a court house within and for the county of Pulaski. —

6th An act to repeal the law requiring commissions to be recorded. —

7th An act to erect and establish the county of Independence. —

8th — An act to suppress the buying horses and mules from Indians within this Territory. —

9th An act supplementary to an act now in force in this Territory respecting person bound. —

10th An act to remove administration & executorship from Arkansas county to Phillips & for other purposes.—

11th An act to remove and transfer certain suits.—

12th An act to transfer abstracts & records of deeds.—

13th An act to authorize the payments of certain warrants drawn of the Territorial auditor on the Territorial Treasurer.—

14th An act to authorize the building of jails in the county of Arkansas and Phillips.—

15th An act supplementary to an act to regulate the fiscal concerns of this Territory.—

16th An act supplementary to an act defining the powers and duties of justices of the peace in matters of a civil nature, and for other purposes.—

Mr Tindall moved that there be a consideration of the resolution to adjourn this day. The resolution was carried and ordered to be sent to the legislative council:

Mr Fish of the committee of enrollments reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled the following bills.— Vz An act entitled an act making further appropriation for the year 1821 & 1822.—

A message from the house of the legislative council by Mr Barkman Mr Speaker I am instructed to inform the house of representatives that the legislative council concur with you in dispensing with the bill

to adjourn this day.

The governor of the Territory of Arkansas convened both houses in the representative hall to consider the propriety of appointing clerks to the superior courts. and to compare the several acts of congress ascertaining the territory of claimants & and if the same was approved by the equity which was ~~vested~~ decided in the affirmative by ~~the said Territorial Courts~~ both houses adjourned until to morrow morning 9 oclock.

Wednesday morning October 25th 1820

The house convened pursuant to adjournment

A bill entitled an act for electing commissioners in the counties of Clark. Hempstead and Miller. and for other purposes was taken up, read and ordered to be sent to the legislative council for their concurrence.

Mr Fish of the committee of enrollments reported that he has examined and found truly enrolled, the bill entitled an act for the limitation of actions. which was signed by the Speaker.

Mr Stephenson offered the following resolution. Resolved by the General assembly of the Territory of Arkansas. that the governor be, and is hereby authorized to employ a proper person to take into safe keeping the public arms, ammunitions, and munitions of war, which have been, or may be sent on by the general government for the use of this Territory; and to draw on the publick treasury for the amount of the expense thereon, annually. Which resolution was concurred in, and sent to the legislative council for their concurrence.

A message from the legislative council by Mr Barnard Mr Speaker I am instructed to inform you

that the Legislative council have concurred in the resolutions authorizing the governor &c &c.—

The following laws passed at the October sessions, were approved by the governor on the 25th of October 1820.

No 17. An act appointing commissioners to establish the seat of justice in the county of Lawrence

18th An act making further appropriations for the year 1820 & 1821—

19th An act authorizing the Territorial Treasurer to issue small notes.—

20 An act to authorize the governor to make an apportionment of the representation for the next general assembly.— Also a resolution authorizing the governor to advertise in the publick newspaper to persons holding certificates ~~holding certificates~~ against the Territory &C.

Mr Lindall obtained leave to introduce a bill supplementary to an act of the general assembly of Arkansas passed the 25th of October 1820. to establish court of Common pleas, and to regulate the terms of the Superior courts in this Territory. The bill was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed

The house adjourned until 2 o'clock this evening—

The house convened pursuant to adjournment

Mr Lindall moved that the bill entitled an act supplementary to an act of the general assembly of Arkansas passed the 25th of October 1820. to establish the courts of common pleas, and regulating the terms of the superior courts be taken up and read the third time. It was carried in the affirmative. Mr Lindall then moved that the bill amended

by striking out the first section, leaving the first two lines with the enacting clause; and also in the second section, the 4th of July be erased and the first of november be inserted in lieu thereof. Also he moved that the 4th day of July, in the third section be stricken out, & the first day of November be inserted — the then moved that the second section be the first, and the third the second. On the question shall the bill pass. It was decided in the affirmative, and ordered to be sent to the Legislative Council for their concurrence. —

Mr Fish of the committee of enrollments, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled the following act. viz— An act to provide for the electing commissioners in the counties of Clark, Hamilton, and Shiller to locate the seats of Justice in the D^o counties, and for other purposes. Also also a resolution authorizing the governor to publish in pamphlet form the laws of the Territory concerning treasury. notes &c. Which were signed by the Speaker. —

A message from the legislative council by Mr McElvany. the Speaker

I am instructed to inform you that the legislative council have concurred in passing the bill entitled an act supplementary to an act establishing courts of common pleas & to regulate the terms of the supreme courts in the

Territory with amendments. On the question with the house thereon in the amendments it was decided in the affirmative—

The following bills had been approved to day by the governor; viz—

21. An act to establish courts of common pleas & to regulate the terms of the Superior courts in this Territory—

22° An act to provide for electing of commissioners in counties of Clark, Hempstead and Miller, to locate the seats of justice in sd counties, & for other purposes.

23° An act entitled an act for the limitation of actions to be brought for the entering and possession of real property.

24 An act supplementary to an act establishing the courts of common pleas and regulating the terms of the superior courts in this Territory.

Also the following resolutions viz.

1. A resolution authorizing the governor to publish in pamphlet form and distribute a sufficient number of the copies of the laws of this Territory &c

2 A resolution authorizing the governor to take such steps respecting the arms &c and draw annually on the treasurer for the amount of the expenses incurred therein—

The committee appointed to wait on the [redacted] and treasurer of the Territory to ascertain

the amount of debts due to, & from the Territory reports that as far as they been able to discover the whole amount due to the Territory is $3946 2½ and that the vouchers and warrants do be par agree.— Mr Stephenson then moved that the report be accepted, and the committee discharged. which was decided in the affirmative.

Mr Fish of the committee of investments reports that he has examined and found the following bills duly enrolled & an act supplementary to an act establishing the courts of common pleas and regulating the terms of the supreme courts in this Territory.

Mr Stephenson moved that Mr Cook, the door Keeper be appointed to dispose to public sale the lots and outlands belonging to the assembly, and pay the proceeds thereof to Lanny Lewis the treasurer. which was carried.—

Mr Stephenson offered the following resolution Resolved that the house of representatives return sincere thanks to the honorable speaker of the house of representatives. which report.—

Mr Linder the journals of the day be read, which was done.

Mr Stephenson moved that the legislative council

he notified that this house is about adjourning
the Speaker then moved that this house adjourn
sine die which was carried.

Joseph Hardin

Speaker of the house of Representatives